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FIRST QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production in West Virginia totaled 36 million pounds or 4.2 million gallons during the January - March quarter of 2015. This was up 1 million pounds or 116,000 gallons from the same period in 2014 and up 2 million pounds or 233,000 gallons from the October - December 2014 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 9,000 head, unchanged from the same period in 2014 and the previous quarter.

United States – Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 51.9 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.30 million head, 17,000 head more than the October – December 2014 quarter, and 88,000 head more than the same period last year.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.